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Dear Mr. Salzberg,

Thank you for writing to Lackawanna County with your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law.

On October 22, 2019, you requested any and all records from January 1, 2019 to the date of this request, concerning election complaints forwarded the county from the Pennsylvania Department of State. A spreadsheet obtained via a previous request to the department showed that in 2019, 1 election complaint was submitted to Lackawanna County, labeled "voter intimidation." Responsive documents would include investigations into these complaints and the findings of the election's division.

Your request is denied. See Section 705 of the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law "an agency shall not be required to create a record which does not currently exist." A thorough search by the Director of Voter Registration has produce no records found regarding election complaints in the time frame requested.

You have the right to appeal this denial of information in writing to Erik Arneson, Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 333 Market Street, 16th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

If you choose to file an appeal, you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of the agency's response. Please be advised that this correspondence will serve to close this record with our office as permitted by law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fran Pantuso", is written over a horizontal line.

Fran Pantuso
Chief of Staff